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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAPAN FOR DAY-OLD CHICKS
EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

Animal health requirements for day-old chicks of poultry (domestic fowl, ducks, turkeys, quail, and geese) to be exported to Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the exported day-old chicks") are applied as follows:

1. There has been no clinical outbreak of fowl cholera, fowl plague, viscerotropic velogenic Newcastle disease, pullorum disease (Salmonella pullorum), avian infectious bronchitis, avian infectious laryngotracheitis, infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease), fowl pox, fowl typhoid (Salmonella gallinarum), respiratory mycoplasmosis, Marek's disease, Avian salmonellosis (restricted to S. enteritidis and S. typhimurium , the same shall apply hereafter), duck hepatitis (only applied to the exported day-old chicks of ducks), and duck virus enteritis (only applied to the exported day-old chicks of duck and geese) on the premises of origin (including hatcheries, the same shall apply hereinafter) for at least 3 months before the shipment of the exported day-old chicks to Japan.
2. The exported day-old chicks shall originate from breeding flocks under an approved salmonella control program by the government authorities of the exporting country, which certifies the breeding flocks as being negative to tests for Avian salmonellosis under this officially recognized monitoring program.
3. The flock of origin of the day-old chicks showed no clinical signs of infectious diseases on inspection within 30 days prior to the incubation of the hatching eggs of the chicks to be exported to Japan.
4. The containers used for transportation of the exported day-old chicks shall be either made of new material or thoroughly disinfected with the effective disinfectant beforehand under the supervision of the said authorities.
5. The loading place of the vehicles, aircraft, etc., shall be thoroughly disinfected with the effective disinfectant beforehand under the supervision of the said authorities.
6. The exported day-old chicks shall be transported without coming into contact with birds which do not satisfy conditions equal to that of the exported day-old chicks.
7. The said authorities shall be responsible for issuing the inspection certificate, stating each of the following items in English and in detail.

- a. Each requirement of 1 to 6
 - b. Date of vaccination, kinds, volume and name of the manufacturing plant of the vaccines in case the exported day-old chicks or the breeding flocks of the exported day-old chicks were vaccinated
 - c. Name and address of the premises of origin and hatcheries of the exported day-old chicks.
8. The exported day-old chicks shall be inspected at the first port of Japan on arrival and shall be quarantined a minimum of 14 days with cultural examinations for pullorum disease, fowl typhoid, and avian salmonellosis.
9. In the case that pullorum disease or fowl typhoid are detected in the exported day-old chicks, or in the case that any other infectious diseases are detected during the quarantine period in Japan, aside from the items above-mentioned of the said animal health requirements, the said day-old chicks could be returned or slaughtered by the animal quarantine station in Japan.
10. In the case that avian salmonellosis is detected in the exported day-old chicks, prior to being fed or watered during the quarantine period in Japan, the said day-old chicks could be returned or slaughtered by the animal quarantine station in Japan.

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The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and the complete identification of the animals to be exported. The following additional information shall be included on the health certificate:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The chickens must be free of clinical evidence of any disease.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

During the 10-day quarantine in Japan, the following tests will be conducted:

1. Pullorum Typhoid: Plate agglutination test
2. Newcastle disease: Hemoagglutination-inhibition test
3. Mycoplasma gallisepticum and
Mycoplasma synoviae: Plate agglutination test
4. Protozoa: Microscopic examination of blood smear.